

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic commercial transaction system comprising:
plural electronic terminals connected to one another by
a computer network; and

an authentication station connected to the computer
network,

an electronic certificate and a company code being
assigned to each of the electronic terminals on the basis of
examination performed by the authentication station,

when a commercial transaction is to be performed between
one and another of the electronic terminals via the computer
network, both selling and buying sides of the commercial
transaction presenting the respective electronic certificates
before performing the commercial transaction.

2. An electronic commercial transaction system according to
Claim 1, wherein the authentication station is connected to the
computer network via a server and has company information
corresponding to the company codes, the authentication station
being constructed to allow company information to be used by
any of the electronic terminals that inputs the corresponding
company code being inputted, only when the electronic terminal
presents the electronic certificate.

3. An electronic commercial transaction system according to

Claim 1, wherein the examination includes on-site existence confirmation.

4. An electronic commercial transaction system according to Claim 2, wherein the company information has contents that enable a user to make a credit decision.

5. An electronic commercial transaction system according to Claim 2, wherein confirmation of information exchange is performed by data being sent between each of the electronic terminals via the server.

6. An electronic commercial transaction system comprising:
plural electronic terminals connected to one another by a computer network; and

a member database, an automatic authorization database, an issuing database, a company information database and an electronic document sending archive database all of which are connected to the computer network,

an electronic certificate as well as a company code and a PIN being assigned to each of the electronic terminals on the basis of examination performed by the authentication station,

a commercial transaction being performed between one and another of the electronic terminals via the respective electronic certificates on the computer network, company

information being provided by inputting the corresponding company code.

7. An electronic commercial transaction system according to Claim 5, wherein the PIN is registered in the automatic authorization database, an inputted PIN being authorized with the registered PIN to issue the electronic certificate from the issuing database.